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Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Christmas Performance Reminders

Monday 11th December 2023 KS1 Christmas Performances (10 am & 4:30 pm]

Tuesday 12th December 2023 EYFS Christmas Performance ~ Nursery (10.00 a.m.)

Tuesday 12th December 2023 EYFS Christmas Performance ~ Reception (2.00 p.m.)

Monday 18th December 2023 KS2 Christmas Carols (10 am & 4:30 pm]



Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that our "Christmas Jumper Day" will take place next Friday 8th December. All children can come to school in their **own clothes wearing a Christmas jumper**. This is in exchange for a monetary donation which will go to CARITAS.



Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 13th December. For any child who already has a school meal parents do not need to inform us their child would like a Christmas dinner. However, if your child brings a packed lunch to school but they would like a Christmas dinner at a cost of £2.55 you can order one via our School Gateway app. All orders need to be placed by Friday 8th December so that our kitchen have definite numbers. Thank you.



Advent and Christmas Preparations at St Margaret Mary's

As we move towards the First Sunday of Advent this weekend we now turn our attentions to this very special and important time of year. During this season of Advent, we encourage our school community to have faith and hope in others and ourselves.

£BeeThere - Caritas Appeal: During the season of Advent we always think of how we can support and give to others. Again, now more than ever is it important to think of others and let them know that they are not alone, particularly this Christmas.

As a school, we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day next week with all contributions going to Caritas. The focus of our Caritas collection this year will be looking at 'the small changes we will make to £BeeThere for local people experiencing Crisis this Christmas'.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available from Monday at £1 per strip for our "Snuggle Up at Christmas" hamper! Tickets will be sold outside the school office to be in with a chance to win!



Annual Christmas Book Quiz

It's that time of year again when we test the knowledge of our children and parents with our "Annual Book Themed Christmas Quiz" Quizzes will be emailed on Monday and entries should be handed in by Thursday 14th December ... there will be a winner chosen from every class!



Some of our wonderful work ...

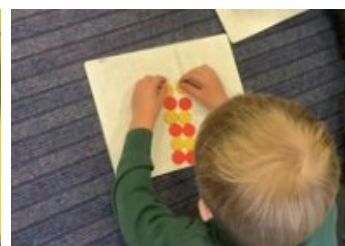
EYFS are delighted to have come in and found Christmas has arrived courtesy of our new elf friends; Tinker, Tommy and Eddie ...



1/2M enjoyed exploring rhythms on the djembe drums and then they performed to the story, Zog ...



The children in 1T and 1/2M have been using counters to practically explore and make arrays ...

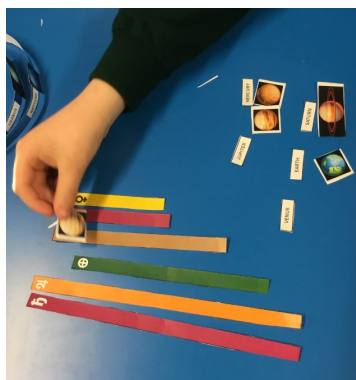


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In DT, 3S tasted different seasonal foods. We explained the texture and taste of each piece of food ...



Manchester University Physics Outreach gave Year 5 an afternoon of all things space. We spoke about the life of stars, black holes, telescopes and the planets in our solar system ...



6W enjoyed composing their own songs on Chrome Music Lab ...



Our Year 6 reading ambassadors, Jimmy-Dean and Amelie have been busy sorting out old, loved books for all children to keep and share...



Attendance

3S are this week's "Class Attendance Winners" with an excellent 99.3% attendance closely followed by NurW with 98.8!

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| NurW 98.8% | Nur/RecW 91.8% | RecK 97.1% | 1T 97.7% | 1/2M 97.9% | 2M 97% |
| 3S 99.3% | 3/4D 95% | 4C 94.8% | 5C 97.7% | 5J 94.1% | 6G 96.8% |
| 6W 98.6% | | | | | |

When one class wins the "Class Attendance Winners" twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward.

Who will be next week's "Class Attendance Winners" ... see next week's school newsletter!





STARS OF THE WEEK

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| Rec: Imogen | Y1/2M: Chioma | Y3-4D: Bonita | Y5J: T'Laeyah |
| Rec: Rory | Y2M: Noah | Y4C: Carter | Y6G: Eva |
| Y1T: Carson | Y3S: Scarlett | Y5C: Lovell | Y6W: Leo |



Watch this space for when our next stars will be announced ...



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| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Ola | L'Rae | Grace | Tiwa |
| Sarah | | Olly | Ruby |



Important Dates



As mentioned in last week's newsletter please see the finalised dates and times for our Christmas Performances and celebrations.

Due to the kitchen rebuild work taking place all events will be held in the Parish Centre, adjacent to the staff car-park and St Margaret Mary's Church.

Please see confirmed dates and times below:~

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| Friday 8th December 2023 | School Christmas Jumper Day for a donation |
| Monday 11th December 2023 | KS1 Christmas Performances (10 am & 4:30 pm] |
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| Tuesday 12th December 2023 | EYFS Christmas Performance ~ Reception (2.00 p.m.) |
| Wednesday 13th December 2023 | School Christmas Dinner |
| Saturday 16th December 2023 | "Breakfast with Santa" (Organised by the Friends of St Margaret Mary's 9.00 ~ 10.30 a.m.) |
| Monday 18th December 2023 | KS2 Christmas Carols (10 am & 4:30 pm] |
| Wednesday 20th December 2023 | School closes at 1.00 p.m. for the Christmas holidays |
| Monday 8th January 2024 | School opens after Christmas holidays |

Once again many thanks for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



"All it takes is one good person to restore hope." Pope Francis